

exception in the material examined, the valves of *bowkeri bowkeri* itself have been equally angular at this point.) There is a tendency (i.e., judging by the specimens that have been compared) for the larger spine at the distal end to be more robust, in *henningi*, than the corresponding spine in *bowkeri bowkeri*.

♂ Holotype, TRANSVAAL: Potchefstroom, 16.XII.1973 (S. F. Henning); British Museum Reg. No. Rh. 18684.

♀ Allotype, TRANSVAAL: data as for holotype (S. F. Henning); British Museum Reg. No. Rh. 18685.

Paratypes in Coll. W. H. Henning: data as for holotype, 18.X.1970, one ♂, one ♀ (G. A. Henning); 23.II.1973, one ♂, one ♀ (G. A. Henning), one ♂ (S. F. Henning): 18.X.1973 one ♂, eight ♀♀ (G.A.H.), one ♀ (I. Bampton), one ♂, seven ♀♀ (S.F.H.); 22.XII.1973, one ♀, 3.II.1974, one ♀, 4.II.1974, one ♂, 5.II.1974, one ♀, 13.IX.1974, one ♂, 28.IX.1974, one ♂, 5.X.1974, one ♂, 13.X.1974, one ♂, 15.X.1974, one ♂, 10.X.1974, one ♀, 23.X.1974, three ♀♀, 23.XI.1974, one ♂, 16.XII.1974, one ♀, 9.III.1975, one ♀ (G.A.H.). (Final series largely bred examples.)

Paratype in author's collection: Rhenoster Kop, Orange Free State, 30.IX.1945, one ♂ (K. M. Pennington).

Paratype in Coll. National Museum, Bulawayo, Rhodesia: Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, 29.XI.1918, one male.

This beautiful insect is named, with much pleasure, after my friend Mr. W. H. Henning, and with his two sons also in mind.

(To be continued)

AN UNLIKELY FIND IN A N.E. SURREY GARDEN. — One afternoon or evening in the first half of August 1978, an extraordinary stroke of fortune befell my friend Dudley Collins. On a clump of golden-rod (*Solidago canadensis*) in full flower, in his garden at Carshalton Beeches, were two Lycaenid butterflies settled or at rest, which he was able to take for examination before finally releasing them. One was a ♂ *Plebejus argus* L. (Silver-studded Blue); the other, yet more surprising, was *Strymonidia w-album* Knoch (White-letter Hairstreak) — in a weak and worn state, as would be natural at such a late date for the species. He had not definitely seen either in the district before, or anywhere near. De Worms (1950, *Butterflies of the London Area and its Surroundings*) cites for *w-album* only Box Hill and, in the supplementary list of 1959, two casual sightings on Bookham Common — both localities on the fringe of the area; while the nearest ones for *argus* would seem to be the heathlands from Oxshott westwards. The possibility, however, of a colony somewhere on Banstead Downs, only a few miles away, cannot be ruled out. The chances of meeting with either species in an ordinary small garden so near to the environs of London are remote enough; but that the two should occur together on the same clump of flowers is surely a coincidence nothing short of astounding. — A. A. ALLEN.